

To the members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2191 without my signature.

I support the author's goal of giving the victim notice prior to the release of a person committed to a state hospital because they were found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity. Victim's participation in the criminal justice process should be protected and that is why I have signed Assembly Bill 1504 to ensure proper notice of the release is provided by the local district attorney after being notified by the state.

AB 2191 would require the director of a State hospital to try and notify the victim. The local courts currently maintain case files with victim notification requests and contact information. It is inefficient to have the state try and duplicate this process versus having the courts and district attorney notify the victim.

For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger